

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Previously amended) A system for facilitating the presentation of
2 inventory items, comprising:
3 at least three separate stores, with each store having at least one separate outside
4 entrance which lead directly to a parking facility to allow customers which park in the parking
5 facility to enter into each of the separate stores through their own outside entrances directly from
6 the parking facility;
7 an elongate wall separating each store, each wall having a doorway, with the
8 doorways being aligned with each other; and
9 an aisle passing through each doorway such that a customer may visualize at least
10 some of the interior of each store while standing in the aisle and looking down the aisle.
1 2. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein the walls generally prevent the
2 visualization of the items within adjacent stores when the customer is away from the aisle.
1 3. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein each store includes four outer
2 walls.
-1 4. (Original) A system as in claim 3, wherein the walls are orthogonal to
2 each other.
 Claim 5 (canceled).
1 6. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein each store includes items of a
2 particular type, and wherein the item types for each store are different from each other.
1 7. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein each wall includes a pair of
2 doorways, and wherein the aisle circuits through each store while passing through the doorways.
1 8. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein each store is independently
2 managed.

1 9. (Original) A system as in claim 1, wherein each doorway includes a door
2 which may be closed to prevent access to the stores from within the stores.

1 10. (Original) A system as in claim 1, further comprising a warehouse
2 connected to at least some of the stores.

1 11. (Previously amended) A building for housing groups of inventory items,
2 the building comprising:

3 an outer structure defining an interior;

4 a plurality of elongate dividers within the interior which divide the interior into
5 separate stores, wherein each divider includes a pair of openings therein, wherein the outer
6 structure includes a plurality of external doorways, with each store having its own external
7 doorway, and wherein the external doorways lead directly to a parking facility to allow
8 customers which park in the parking facility to enter into each of the separate stores through their
9 own external doorways directly from the parking facility; and

10 an aisle circuiting the interior and passing through each pair of the openings,
11 wherein a customer may walk along the aisle to circuit through each of the stores.

1 12. (Original) A building as in claim 11, wherein each store includes a unique
2 group of inventory items.

1 13. (Original) A building as in claim 11, wherein the each pair of openings
2 are aligned the other pairs of openings to allow the customer to view at least some of the interior
3 of each store when looking down the aisle.

1 14. (Original) A building as in claim 13, wherein the walls generally prevent
2 the visualization of the items within adjacent stores when the customer is away from the aisle.

1 15. (Original) A building as in claim 11, further comprising a gate which may
2 be placed across each opening to prevent access to adjacent stores from within the stores.

1 16. (Previously amended) A system for visually displaying unique groups of
2 inventory items, the system comprising:

3 an outer structure having a set of outer walls which define an interior;

4 a parking facility in front of a front one of the outer walls;

5 a sidewalk disposed along the front outer wall between the front outer wall and
6 the parking facility;

7 a plurality of elongate dividers within the interior which divide the interior into at
8 least three separate stores, wherein each divider includes at least one opening therein to allow
9 customers to pass through each of the stores; and

10 wherein each store includes a unique group of inventory items, and wherein the
11 dividers are arranged such that a customer when within the interior can generally visualize only
12 one of the unique groups of items at any given location within the interior, and wherein the
13 unique groups are selected from the groups consisting of bed mattresses, wood bedroom
14 furniture, oak furniture and living room furniture;

15 wherein each store has at least one separate outside entrance which leads directly
16 to the parking facility after passing over the sidewalk to allow customers which park in the
17 parking facility to enter into each of the separate stores through their own outside entrances
18 directly from the parking facility.

Claim 17 (canceled).

1 18. (Original) A system as in claim 16, further comprising an aisle running
2 through and connecting each opening.

1 19. (Original) A system as in claim 18, wherein the openings are aligned with
2 each other to allow the customer to view at least some of the interior of each store when looking
3 down the aisle.

1 20. (Original) A system as in claim 19, wherein each divider includes a pair
2 of openings, and wherein the aisle circuits through each store while passing through the
3 openings.

Claim 21-36 (canceled).